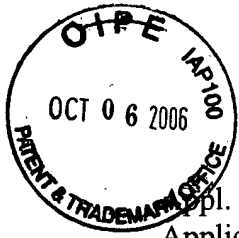


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2006, for which a response is due October 2, 2006, with a one month extension of time, since September 30, 2006 was a Saturday, please consider the following remarks. A Petition for Extension of time and the required fee are enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.